GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4379
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Chemical in Refind Flour
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

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(a) whether the Alloxan chemical is used in the manufacturing of refined flour which leads to diabetes and heart related diseases, if so, the details thereof along with the corrective steps taken by the Government in this regard;

(b) whether the Government is aware that substandard food items are being served by local hotels and street foods vendors leading to food poisoning and other related diseases;

(c) if so, the details of such cases reported, during the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise including Delhi; and

(d) whether the Government has taken note of food inspectors colluding with the hotel owners and street food vendors in this regard, if so, details thereof and the action taken against such erring officials?

Answer

ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND
FAMILY WELFARE
(SHRI FAGGAN SINGH KULASTE)
(a): As per amendment to the Food Safety and Standards (Food Products Standards and Food Additives) Regulations, 2011, operationalised with effect from 20th June, 2016, Alloxan is not permitted to be used as food additive in refined flour.
(b) & (c): Some cases of adulteration in food items have come to the notice of the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI). Presently, no separate data of cases of violation of provisions of the Food Safety and Standards (FSS) Act and regulations thereunder, by hotels and street foods vendors, is maintained centrally. However, as per information made available by State/UT Governments to FSSAI, State-wise details of samples of food articles collected, tested, found not conforming to the prescribed standards and action taken during last three years, are at Annexure-I, II & III.
(d): Enforcement of the provisions of FSS Act, Rules and Regulations is primarily the responsibility of the State/UT Governments. Such enforcement activity is undertaken by State/UT Governments through the officers of State Food Safety Departments. Taking action against erring officials of State Food Safety Departments in case of complaints against them is the responsibility of respective State/UT Governments. Details of action taken against such officials is not maintained centrally by the FSSAI.
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